

Louise has been a long time supporter of improved gun safety. She is leading the fight in Congress against the powerful gun lobby to pass proposals that would require non-licensed gun sellers to conduct criminal background checks on buyers at gun shows, restrict access to guns for juveniles, and mandate child safety features on handguns.

The Congresswoman cosponsored and successfully fought for enactment of the Brady Handgun Purchase Waiting Period and Assault Weapon Ban laws. Since 1995, these laws have successfully blocked 1.8 million purchase attempts by dangerous people from a gun dealer.

Louise is a cosponsor of legislation to reauthorize a ban on assault weapons that will help keep guns out of the hands of people who committed violent crimes as juveniles.

Rep. Slaughter is working to close the gun show loophole. She is a cosponsor of H.R. 2324, the Gun Show Loophole Closing Act of 2009, which would help stop criminals from getting around the Brady laws by buying guns at gun shows.

The Congresswoman joined her colleagues in signing an Amicus Curie brief to the Supreme Court in support of the City of Chicago's 25 year-old ban on handguns. The statute was being challenged under the 2nd Amendment in *McDonald v. City of Chicago*. The brief addressed the question of whether and to what extent the 2nd amendment applies to the states, and thus the extent to which deference is given to local governments to enact sensible gun control legislation based on their intimate knowledge of local problems and insight into appropriate solutions.

Louise voted against an amendment to the Omnibus Parks Bill which passed and was signed into law, allowing people to carry loaded, concealed weapons in our national parks. She will continue to work with her colleagues to repeal this harmful provision of law.